

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed November 21, 2005 and following the Notice of Appeal filed May 18, 2006 and Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed concurrently herewith. The present Amendment replaces that Amendment filed on May 18, 2006, which was denied entry by the Examiner in the Advisory Action mailed June 6, 2006. In view of the present amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-25, 37-38, and 40 were pending in this application. Claims 1-14 stood rejected with claims 15-25, 37-38, and 40 indicated as being allowable. Applicants have canceled claims 1-14 in an effort to expedite issues of allowable claims 15-25, 37-38, and 40. As such the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-14 is believed to be moot.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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